

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An access inducing method for a client-server environment in which at least one client system is coupled to a server system, comprising:

- automatically storing in the server system, an access log with respect to a homepage arbitrarily accessed by and not related to the client system in response to an access to the homepage;
- automatically creating in the server system, with respect to the client system, a notification which includes information identifying contents of the homepage previously accessed for inducing the client system to re-access the homepage when a predetermined condition is satisfied, with reference to a point in time when the client system last accessed the homepage; and
- automatically transmitting the notification, where the predetermined condition is set by the server system independent of the client system, and
the server system stores a plurality of kinds of notifying destination information and transmits the notification by using at least one notifying destination information registered by the client system.

2. (ORIGINAL) The access inducing method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said information includes update information of the homepage on or after said point in time.

3. (ORIGINAL) The access inducing method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the predetermined condition is formed by a lapse of a predetermined time from said point in time.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The access inducing method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

- urging the client system to input user information, and

said notification being made based on the user information.

5. (ORIGINAL) The access inducing method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the user information includes notifying destination information, and the notification is made by a communication method depending on the notifying destination information.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An access inducing apparatus adapted to a server system which is communicable with at least a client system, comprising:

storing means for automatically storing in the server system, an access log with respect to a homepage arbitrarily accessed by and not related to the client system in response to an access to the homepage;

first recording means for recording a point in time when the client system last made access to the homepage;

creating means for creating information identifying contents of the homepage previously accessed for inducing the client system to re-access the homepage; and

notifying means for automatically transmitting a notification which includes said information with respect to the client system, when a predetermined condition is satisfied with reference to said point in time, and

where the predetermined condition is set by the server system independent of the client system, the server system stores a plurality of kinds of notifying destination information and transmits the notification by using at least one notifying destination information registered by the client system.

7. (ORIGINAL) The access inducing apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein said creating means creates information including update information of the homepage on or after said point in time.

8. (ORIGINAL) The access inducing apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein said predetermined condition is formed by a lapse of a predetermined time from said point in time.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The access inducing apparatus as claimed in claim 6, further comprising:

second recording means for recording user information input from the client system, and

said notifying means making the notification based on the user information.

10. (ORIGINAL) The access inducing apparatus as claimed in claim 9, wherein the user information includes notifying destination information, and said notifying means makes the notification by a communication method depending on the notifying destination information.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer, which is communicable with at least a client system, to carry out a process of inducing the client system to a homepage, said program comprising:

a storing procedure causing the computer to automatically store in the server system, an access log with respect to a homepage arbitrarily accessed by and not related to the client system in response to an access to the homepage;

a first recording procedure causing the computer to record a point in time when the client system last made access to the homepage;

a creating procedure causing the computer to create information identifying contents of the homepage previously accessed for inducing the client system to re-access the homepage; and

a notifying procedure causing the computer to automatically transmit a notification including said information with respect to the client system, when a predetermined condition is satisfied with reference to said point in time, and

where the predetermined condition is set by the computer independent of the client system, the server system stores a plurality of kinds of notifying destination information and transmits the notification by using at least one notifying destination information registered by the client system.

12. (ORIGINAL) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 11, wherein said creating procedure causes the computer to create information including update information of the homepage on or after said point in time.

13. (ORIGINAL) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 11, wherein said predetermined condition is formed by a lapse of a predetermined time from said point in time.

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 11, wherein said program further comprises:

a second recording procedure causing the computer to record user information input from the client system, and

said notifying procedure causing the computer to make the notification based on the user information.

15. (ORIGINAL) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 14, wherein the user information includes notifying destination information, and said notifying procedure causes the computer to make the notification by a communication method depending on the notifying destination information.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An access inducing apparatus adapted to a server system which is communicable with at least a client system, comprising:

a storing part which automatically stores in the server system, an access log with respect to a homepage arbitrarily accessed by and not related to the client system in response to an access to the homepage;

a recording part which records a point in time when the client system last made access to the homepage;

a creating part which creates information identifying contents of the homepage previously accessed for inducing the client system to re-access the homepage; and

a notifying part which automatically transmits a notification, which includes said information with respect to the client system, when a predetermined condition is satisfied with reference to said point in time, and

where the predetermined condition is set by the server system independent of the client system, the server system stores a plurality of kinds of notifying destination information and transmits the notification by using at least one notifying destination information registered by the client system.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An access inducing method for a client-server environment in which at least one client system is coupled to a server system, comprising:

automatically storing in the server system, an access log with respect to data arbitrarily accessed by and not related to the client system in response to an access to the data;

automatically creating in the server system, with respect to the client system, a notification which includes information identifying contents of the data previously accessed for inducing the client system to re-access the data managed by the server system when a predetermined condition is satisfied, with reference to a point in time when the client system last accessed to the data; and

automatically transmitting the notification to the client system, where the predetermined condition is set by the server system independent of the client system, the server system stores a plurality of kinds of notifying destination information and transmits the notification by using at least one notifying destination information registered by the client system.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An access inducing apparatus adapted to a server system which is communicable with at least a client system, comprising:

storing means automatically storing in the server system, an access log with respect to data arbitrarily accessed by and not related to the client system in response to an access to the data;

first recording means for recording a point in time when the client system last accessed data managed by the server system;

creating means for creating information identifying contents of the data previously accessed for inducing the client system to re-access the data; and

notifying means for automatically transmitting a notification which includes said information with respect to the client system, when a predetermined condition is satisfied with reference to said point in time, and

where the predetermined condition is set by the server system independent of the client system, the server system stores a plurality of kinds of notifying destination information and transmits the notification by using at least one notifying destination information registered by the client system.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer which is communicable with at least a client system to carry out a process of inducing the client system to data managed by a server system, said program comprising:

a storing procedure causing the computer to automatically store in the server system, an access log with respect to data arbitrarily accessed by and not related to the client system in

response to an access to the data;

a first recording procedure causing the computer to record a point in time when the client system last accessed the data;

a creating procedure causing the computer to create information identifying contents of the data previously accessed for inducing the client system to re-access the data; and

a notifying procedure causing the computer to automatically transmit a notification, which includes said information with respect to the client system, when a predetermined condition is satisfied with reference to said point in time, and

where the predetermined condition is set by the server system independent of the client system, the server system stores a plurality of kinds of notifying destination information and transmits the notification by using at least one notifying destination information registered by the client system.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An access inducing apparatus adapted to a server system which is communicable with at least a client system, comprising:

a storing part which automatically stores in the server system, an access log with respect to data arbitrarily accessed by and unassociated with operations of the client system with respect to the data;

a recording part which records a point in time when the client system last accessed data managed by the server system;

a creating part which creates information identifying contents of the data previously accessed for inducing the client system to re-access the data; and

a notifying part which automatically transmit a notification which includes said information with respect to the client system, when a predetermined condition is satisfied with reference to said point in time, and

where the predetermined condition is set by the server system independent of the client system, the server system stores a plurality of kinds of notifying destination information and transmits the notification by using at least one notifying destination information registered by the client system.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method to automatically transmit homepage related information, comprising:

automatically storing in a server system, an access log with respect to a homepage

arbitrarily accessed by a client system, said storing being executed independent of a store request and operations associated with the homepage executed using the client system; and

automatically sending a notification including information identifying contents of the homepage previously accessed to attract a client system to re-access the homepage when a predetermined condition is satisfied, where the notification is sent when a predetermined condition set by a the server system independent of the client system is met, the server system stores a plurality of kinds of notifying destination information and transmits the notification by using at least one notifying destination information registered by the client system.

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method to automatically transmit homepage related information to a client system in a client-server network, comprising:

automatically storing in a server system, an access log with respect to a homepage arbitrarily accessed by and not related to the client system in response to an access to the homepage;

creating the homepage related information identifying contents of the homepage previously accessed when the client system pulls the homepage from a web server; and

pushing the homepage related information to the client system via the server when a predetermined condition is satisfied, where the predetermined condition is set by the server independent of the client system, the server system stores a plurality of kinds of notifying destination information and transmits the notification by using at least one notifying destination information registered by the client system.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method to automatically transmit homepage related information to a client system in a client-server network, comprising:

automatically storing an access log with respect to a homepage arbitrarily accessed by and unassociated with the client system as a direct result of an access to the homepage via the client system;

transmitting homepage update information identifying contents of the homepage previously accessed via a server for updating the homepage, and

wherein the server automatically transmits the homepage update information to the client system based on a previous access of the client system to the homepage and in accordance with a predetermined condition set by the server independent of the client system, the server stores a plurality of kinds of notifying destination information and transmits the notification by

using at least one notifying destination information registered by the client system.

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method to automatically transmit homepage related information to a client system of a client-server network, comprising:

automatically storing in a server system, an access log with respect to a homepage arbitrarily accessed by and not related to the client system, said storing being executed independent of a request to store information of the homepage from the client system;

recording homepage related information of the homepage including contents of the homepage previously accessed with reference to a point in time when the client system last accessed the homepage;

monitoring the homepage related information recorded to determine whether a predetermined amount of time has lapsed from the point in time when the client system last accessed the homepage;

requesting user information from the client system; and

sending a notification identifying said contents when the predetermined amount of time has lapsed from the point in time when the client system last accessed the homepage based on the user information, and

where the predetermined amount of time is set by a server system independent of the client system, the server system stores a plurality of kinds of notifying destination information and transmits the notification by using at least one notifying destination information registered by the client system.

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for inducing re-access to a homepage via a client system of a client-server network, comprising:

automatically storing in a server system, an access log with respect to a homepage arbitrarily accessed by and not related to the client system, said storing being executed independent of a request to store information of the homepage from the client system;

storing homepage information including contents of the homepage previously accessed when the client system accesses the homepage;

creating a notification identifying said contents for inducing re-access to the homepage via the client system, the notification including advertisement information related to the homepage;

comparing the stored homepage information with contents of the homepage; and

automatically sending the notification to the client system when the stored homepage information and the contents of the homepage are different in accordance with a predetermined condition set by a server system independent of the client system, the server system stores a plurality of kinds of notifying destination information and transmits the notification by using at least one notifying destination information registered by the client system.

26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for inducing a client system of a client-server network to re-access a homepage previously accessed by the client system, comprising:

automatically storing an access log with respect to a homepage arbitrarily accessed by the client system, said storing being a result of an access to the homepage and unassociated with operations of the client system within the homepage; and

allowing a homepage provider to create a notification identifying contents of the homepage previously accessed for inducing re-access to the homepage by the client system and automatically transmitting the notification to the client system when a condition set by the homepage provider is met, and

where the condition of the homepage provider is set without requiring direct involvement of the client system, a server system stores a plurality of kinds of notifying destination information and transmits the notification by using at least one notifying destination information registered by the client system.

27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for inducing a client system to re-access a homepage previously accessed by the client system, comprising:

automatically storing an access log with respect to a homepage arbitrarily accessed by the client system and unassociated with operations of the client system within the homepage;

allowing the homepage provider to create a notification identifying contents of the homepage previously accessed, upon a first access to the homepage via the client system, to induce a second access to the homepage by the client system; and

transmitting the notification when a condition set by the homepage provider is met and executing the second access to the homepage using the client system responsive to the transmitted notification, and

where said condition is set prior to said homepage being accessed via the client system, a server system stores a plurality of kinds of notifying destination information and transmits the notification by using at least one notifying destination information registered by the client system.

28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for causing a client system to re-access a homepage previously accessed by the client system, comprising:

capturing information of a homepage responsive to a user accessing the homepage, said information being captured without requiring ~~a designation of said information~~ a request by the user and unrelated to operations of the user within the homepage; and

sending a notification independent of a browser used to access the homepage when a condition specified independently of the client system is met, where a server stores a plurality of kinds of notifying destination information and transmits the notification using at least one notifying destination information stored.